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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR
MONTH OF OCTOBER 1958
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. An unusually large number of maps and reports were completed in the Geographic Research Area during October. Among them were a number of special studies prepared for higher planning staffs of the Agency. Major work in hand continues to be concerned with the programmed support

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2. The Cartography Division completed 147 maps and charts

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6. Acting Chief/G and SA to Ch/G -- in company with others from the DD/I -- spent several days visiting ACIC, St. Louis, and SAC headquarters, Omaha. Both briefings were excellent and contributed measurably toward a better understanding of the target work being accomplished in USAF.



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8. A series of conferences were held by the Cartography Division during the month with the objective of preparing a revised set of standard specifications for the NIS base maps produced by the Division. These specifications, when agreed upon, will provide new opportunity for production economy and streamlining.

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10. In response to questions raised by State regarding CIA/RR-G-20, [redacted] met with Mr. Pringle, Department of State, regarding the Ecuador-Peru boundary. It appears that the Department's desire to reserve its position on this boundary dispute may be based, in part, on an erroneous valuation of the available topographic information.

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11. Proposals of the Chapter IX Subcommittee that schedules be relaxed -- which were forwarded to AD/BI on 2 September -- have not yet been presented to the NIS Committee. The AD/BI is exploring the possibility of reducing total time required for production of various sections -- through cuts in content -- so that commitments can remain as they are.

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